

Are these issues in your community?

- ◆ Urban sedimentation and erosion
- ◆ Water conservation
- ◆ Protection of urban stream corridors
- ◆ Characterization of urban soils
- ◆ Sites for community gardens, parks and other open spaces
- ◆ The impact of development
- ◆ Urban flooding
- ◆ Nonpoint source pollution

How can we help?

We can help with the following activities:

- ◆ Resource analysis and land use planning
- ◆ Water resources protection and remediation
- ◆ Stormwater management
- ◆ Nonpoint source pollution control
- ◆ Wetland and flood plain management
- ◆ Help with engineering surveys
- ◆ Support in soils, hydrology and engineering
- ◆ Erosion and sediment control



Massachusetts Top Ten Urban Areas

<u>City</u>	<u>Urb. Pop.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Urb. Pop.</u>
Boston	941,000	New Bedford	99,922
Springfield	268,348	Brockton	92,788
Worcester	169,759	Fall River	92,463
Lawrence-Haverhill	121,625	Fitchburg-Leominster	79,339
Lowell	103,439	Taunton	49,832

Examples of MassCAP-assisted projects



Park construction at Nonquit Street, Roxbury



Canoe launch, Kennedy Park, Mattapan

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What is MassCAP?

MassCAP is an initiative of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service that works with community and watershed groups to help manage natural resources in urban areas.

Who are we?

We are technical experts employed by the USDA – civil engineers, soil scientists, land use planners and others – who can help local government and non-profit groups to protect and manage urban soil and water resources.

We specialize in erosion and sediment control, stormwater management and water conservation. We can also work to restore urban stream corridors, promote urban forestry and community gardens and combat the adverse effects of development. As requested, we will:

- ◆ Do field visits to identify and analyze problems and suggest possible solutions
- ◆ Identify, characterize and test soils for re-use of contaminated sites, suitability for parks and other urban open space, community gardens, etc.
- ◆ Evaluate development proposals and suggest ways to reduce the impact of development.

Whom do we serve?

Through this initiative, we work with municipal boards, non-profit organizations and other groups that serve the state's urban areas – those places where most of the people live, where much of the land is built up, rivers and streams have been buried underground and open space is scarce.

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